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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Dwight Finley

"DAPPER BANDIT" PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERY

A Detroit man who was charged with robbing 13 banks in the metro Detroit area between March 17, 2006 and July 20, 2006, entered a guilty plea yesterday in federal court, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy.

United States Attorney Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Daniel D. Roberts, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dwight Finley, 57, of Detroit, dubbed the "Dapper Bandit" by the FBI because of his well dressed appearance during each of the robberies, entered a guilty plea to bank robbery before United States District Judge George Caram Steeh.

The evidence presented during the plea showed that on March 17, 2006, Finley entered a Charter One Bank located at 16841 Schaefer, Detroit, Michigan and handed the teller a note demanding money and threatening to shoot. Finley received an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the area.

Under the terms of the plea agreement with the government, Finley plead guilty to Count One of the indictment, but was also held responsible for the conduct alleged in the twelve remaining counts of bank robbery. All of this conduct resulted in an estimated sentencing guideline range of 78-97 months in prison. Finley will also be responsible for paying restitution in the amount of \$20,406.06 which represents the amount taken in all thirteen robberies.

United States Attorney Murphy said, "The Dapper Bandit may have been all dressed up, but he's got nowhere to go except prison thanks to the hard work of the DPD and the FBI"

Sentencing is scheduled for March 8, 2007.

This case was investigated by the Detroit Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.